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BONN FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES

REF: BRUSSELS 4173 AND 4183; USUN 2666

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING JULY 25 WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON, CHARGE AGAIN EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT ANY BELGIAN INITIATIVE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES UNDERTAKEN AT THE FORTHCOMING GA MIGHT SERIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH PROSPECTS FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. CHARGE TOLD DAVIGNON THAT OUR ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK WAS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED BY WHAT WE HAD HEARD OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

2. RATHER THAN ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER WHICH HE FELT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY THOSE MORE CLOSELY INFORMED ON THE UN SITUATION, DAVIGNON ASKED WHETHER
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AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE WOULD BE COMING TO BRUSSELS. WHEN INFORMED

THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, DAVIGNON EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AND SAID THAT SCHAUFEELE COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH FOURDIN, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE CHANCELLERIE AND UNTIL RECENTLY CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION, WHO WILL BE HEADING UP THE DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DURING DAVIGNON'S ABSENCE ON VACATION. HE SAID THAT FOURDIN WOULD BE SUPPORTED DURING CONSULTATIONS BY DEPASSE (HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST SECTION) AND BAUWENS (HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION). DAVIGNON ASKED CHARGE TO CONVEY HIS REGARDS TO SCHAUFEELE AND HIS REGRETS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RENEW THEIR ASSOCIATION DURING SCHAUFEELE'S VISIT.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DEFINITELY WORTHWHILE FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE TO VISIT BRUSSELS ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE GIVEN IN USUN 2652. CHARGE WOULD PROPOSE A WORKING LUNCHEON AT HIS HOME WITH THE THREE FONOFF OFFICIALS NAMED ABOVE ON AUGUST 1, FOLLOWED IF WARRANTED BY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THE SAME AFTERNOON OR THE FOLLOWING MORNING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE'S REACTION.
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